

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): Stand-up bag of a heat-sealable or weldable plastic film for containing flowable or pourable products and comprising:

two opposing side walls (1, 2), each having an inner face and an outer face and being formed of a single film or sealed together inner face to inner face along lateral edges thereof by means of side seams (5, 6);

an inwardly folded bottom wall (4) having an inner face and an outer face and extending between the lower portions of the side walls (1, 2), and sealed to the respective side walls (1, 2) inner face to inner face along transverse bottom seams (7, 8) and along bottom side seams, the inwardly folded bottom wall further being sealed outer face to outer face along the bottom side seams; and

an inwardly folded top wall (3) having an inner face and an outer face and extending between the upper portions of the side walls (1, 2) and connected to the respective side walls (1, 2) along transverse top connections (11, 12) and sealed to the respective side walls (1, 2) along top side seams, the inwardly folded top wall(s) wall (3) further being sealed outer face to outer face along the top side seams;

characterized in that at least one of the transverse connections between the top wall (3) and the side walls is a heat-sealed peelable connection (12, 32, 42, 52) provided between an upper edge portion (16, 36) of the top wall (3) and an upper edge portion (15) of the adjacent side wall (2) and in that the upper edge portions (16, 36; 15) of the top wall (3) and of the adjacent

side walls (2) extend beyond the transverse peelable connection (12, 32, 42, 52) to form gripping members accessible from the outside of the bag

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): Stand-up bag according to claim 1, characterized in that the peelable connection (12) comprises a film strip (17) arranged between the upper edge portions (16, 15) of the top wall (3) and the side wall (2), said film strip being firmly heat-sealed to one of the edge portions, the strip (17) having a first surface (18) of a sealing medium corresponding substantially to a sealing medium of ~~the adjacent bag wall (3)~~ one of the top wall (3) and side wall (2), and heat-sealed peelably to the second edge portion, the strip (17) having a second surface (20) of a sealing medium heat-sealing peelably to a sealing medium of ~~the adjacent bag wall~~ the other of the top wall (3) and side wall (2).

Claim 4 (previously presented): Stand-up bag according to claim 1, and wherein an inner sealing medium of the bag walls is made substantially from polyethylene (PE), characterized in that the sealing medium of the first surface (18) of the film strip (17) comprises a mixture of PE and polybutylene.

Claim 5 (previously presented): Stand-up bag according to claim 1, characterized in that the peelable connection (32) comprises a film strip (37) arranged between the upper edges (16,15) of the top wall (3) and the side wall (2) and having a first and a second outer sealing medium layer (28,29) with which it is firmly heat-sealed to the respective edge portions (16,15)

and further having an intermediate layer (30) peelably connected to at least one of the outer sealing medium layers, said at least one outer sealing medium layer having a tear resistance weaker than the peel strength between the intermediate layer (30) and the said sealing medium layer.

Claim 6 (previously presented): Stand-up bag according to claim 5, characterized in that the intermediate layer (30) is a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

Claim 7 (previously presented): Stand-up bag according to claim 1, characterized in that the peelable connection (42) comprises a peelable strip of the hot-melt type applied to at least one of the two mutually facing surfaces (19, 20) of the upper edge portions (16, 15) of the top wall (3) and the side wall (2).

Claim 8 (previously presented): Stand-up bag according to claim 1, characterized in that above the peelable connection (42) the upper edge portion (53) of the top wall is folded down to abut the outer face of the adjacent side wall (2).

Claim 9 (currently amended): Stand-up bag of a heat-sealable or weldable plastic film for containing flowable or pourable products and comprising:

two opposing side walls (1, 2) formed of a single film or sealed together along lateral edges thereof by means of side seams (5, 6);

an inwardly folded bottom wall (4) extending between the lower portions of the side

walls (1, 2) and sealed to the respective side walls (1, 2) along transverse bottom seams (7, 8) and along bottom side seams; and

an inwardly folded ~~to~~ top wall (3) extending between the upper portions of the side walls (1, 2) and connected to the respective side walls (1, 2) along transverse top connections (11, 12) and sealed to the respective side walls (1, 2) along top side seams,

characterized in that above the peelable connection (42) both ~~the~~ an upper edge portion (60) of the top wall (3) and ~~the~~ an upper edge portion (58) of ~~the~~ an adjacent side wall (2) are folded down onto the adjacent side wall (2).

Claim 10 (currently amended): Stand-up bag of a heat-sealable or weldable plastic film for containing flowable or pourable products and comprising:

two opposing side walls (1, 2) sealed together along lateral edges thereof by means of side seams (5, 6);

an inwardly folded bottom wall (4) extending between the lower portions of the side walls (1, 2) and sealed to the respective side walls (1, 2) along transverse bottom seams (7, 8) and along bottom side seams; and

an inwardly folded ~~to~~ top wall (3) extending between the upper portions of the side walls (1, 2) and connected to the respective side walls (1, 2) along transverse top connections (11, 12) and sealed to the respective side walls (1, 2) along top side seams,

characterized in that adjacent to ~~the~~ a peelable connection (52) ~~the~~ an upper edge portion (36) of one of the top wall (3) and ~~the~~ an adjacent side wall (2) is folded down onto itself for abutment inner face to inner face and that the wall (3) with the folded-down edge portion (36) has

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an outer face with an outer sealing medium layer heat-sealing peelably to ~~the~~ an inner sealing medium layer (20) of the inner face of the other of said top wall and adjacent side wall (2).